(c) if no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has already decided to enhance Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity rates by 30 per cent with effect from the 1st September, 1985.

(c) Does not arise.

Sone Canal Modernisation Scheme

2008. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sone Canal Modernisation Scheme has been submitted to the World Bank ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Bihar Government has not allocated sufficient fund in the Seventh Five Year Plan for modernisation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the World Bank is not appraising the scheme due to insufficient allocation of funds ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Sone Canal system has become hundred years old incapable for rendering any service; and

(e) if so, what steps have been taken to expedite the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Sone Canal Modernisation Scheme has been posed to the World Bank and has been included in the long term pipeline. However, further processing is contingent on resolving various technical and financial issues. The Government of Bihar has only made a token provision for the project in the Seventh Five Year Plan.

(d) and (e) Sone Canal System is 100 years old and has naturally become less efficient and therefore, a scheme for modernisation of the Sone System has been submitted by the State Government for technical approval of the Planning Commission Phase-I of the scheme has also been approved by the Planning Commission.

Sugarcane Arrears

2009. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to clear arrears of prices of sugarcane ; and

(b) whether Government propose to insist on the sugar mill owners to pay interest on the arrears ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Ensuring payment of cane price arrears is the direct responsibility of the State Governments, who have the necessary field organistions and powers to enforce such payments. The Central Government monitors the position and has been advising the State Governents, from time to time, for expeditious clearance of cane price arrears.

The Central Government, on its part, has been taking steps aimed at improving the liquidity of the industry

to enable it to pay the cane dues. The steps taken over the last 2-3 years include liberalisation of bank credit facilities, reduction in bank margins on credit against sugar stock, change in the method of valuation of sugar stocks for credit purposes to the benefit of the industry etc. For the 1985-86 season, the statutory minimum price of sugar cane has been raised to Rs. 16.50 per quintal linked to 8.5% recovery and the ratio of levy freesale sugar has been changed from 65:35 to 55:45. This should further improve the liquidity of the industry to clear cane price dues promptly. As a result of the efforts of the Central and State Governments, out of the total cane price amounting to Rs. 1263 crores for the 1984-85 season, only about Rs. 26.75 crores remained to be cleared as on 15-10-85. The corresponding arrears for the 1983-84 season as on 15-10-84 were about Rs. 46 crores.

(b) There is already a provison in the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966 for payment of interest 15% per annum for payments delayed beyond 14 days. However, ensuring payments of interest is also the responsibility of the State Governments.

बिहार के मुंगेर जिले में परवल की खेती

2010. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री 9 अगस्त, 1985 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1645 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मुंगेर जिले का क्षेत्र देश में परवल सब्जी का अधिक है तथा वह देश में विभिन्न भागों में इस सब्जी को भेजता है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी भारतीय कृ परिषद ने सावर कृषि कालेज के लिए पांच छात्रवृत्तियां मंजूर की हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री योगेन्द्र मकवाणा) : (क) बिहार के मुंगेर जिले का बैरिआरपुर क्षेत्र प्रमुख परमल उगाने वाले क्षेत्रों में से एक है तथा यह देश के विभिन्न भागों के लिए परवल सप्लाई करता है । तथापि, क्षेत्र तथा कुल उत्पादन के संबंध में आंकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

(ख) जी नहीं, श्रीमन ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

बिहार में फसल बीमा योजना

2011. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री फसल बीमा योजना के संबंध में 9 अगस्त 1985 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1645 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भागलपुर, मुंगेर जिले के गंगा क्षेत्र के कितने किसानों की फसलों का बीमा किया गया है तथा बीमा की गई फसलों का ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि कोई बीमा नहीं किया गया है तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या सकार को [illegible] में कुछ कठिनाइयां पेश [illegible] यदि हां, तो उन्हें दू [illegible] गय किए जा रहे हैं;

[illegible] विभाग में राज्य

(ग) बिहार [illegible] फसल की है । जिसमें धान